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[54] **DATA PROCESSING DEVICE HAVING MEMORY SELECTIVELY INTERFACING WITH COMPUTER**

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

A portable educational device that is adapted to be used in conjunction with a counter (**12**) having a display (**14**) and a keyboard (**16**) for input of data. A memory slot (**18**) or an alternate port (**19**) is provided on the computer (**12**) to receive the educational device (**20**). Educational device (**20**) contains a keypad (**24**) and a display (**26**) and operates independent of the computer (**12**). The educational device (**20**) includes a central processing unit (**48**), a Read Only Memory (**42**) and a Random Access Memory (**44**). A primary power source (**54**) supplies power to the educational device (**20**) during the operation thereof. A back-up power source (**56**) provides power to the Random Access Memory (**44**) to form a non-volatile memory for retention of data during periods of non-use. A connector (**34**) interfaces with the computer (**12**) to allow the computer (**12**) to address the Random Access Memory (**44**) to retrieve data stored therein and to store data at selected locations therein for use by the Central Processing Unit.

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